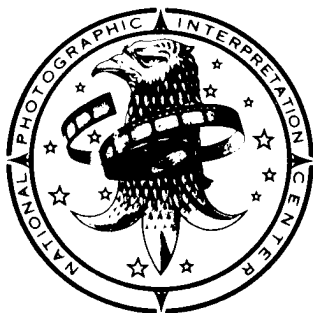


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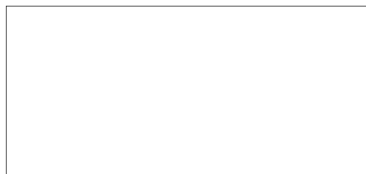
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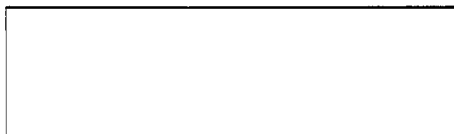
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ARMOR ORDER OF BATTLE SIGHTINGS IN CHINA

This report provides an analysis of 22 armor order of battle sightings based on photography covering the period from July through December 1976. In North China, seven tank regiments, four tank battalions, and elements of one tank battalion were observed. In South China, three tank regiments, seven tank battalions, one tank/assault gun regiment, three armored battalions, one armored company, and one mechanized infantry regiment were seen.

Armored units have been observed at 10 installations in North China. In the Peking Military Region (MR), an increase in tanks confirmed the presence of a tank regiment at Hsing-tai, Han-tan, Hun-yuan, and Huo-lu, and two tank battalions at Wu-ching. Also in the Peking MR, the first observation of tanks at Nan-tso and tanks and armored personnel carriers at Ma-shen-chiao established the presence of two tank battalions at Nan-tso and at least elements of a tank battalion at Ma-shen-chiao. In the Shen-yang MR, an increase in tanks indicated that a tank regiment was at Sa-erh-tu. In the Lan-chou MR, the first identification of tanks at Cheng-cheng and Chin-chi indicated the presence of a tank regiment at each installation.

Armored units were also identified at 12 installations in South China. In the Chi-nan MR, an increase in tanks indicated the presence of a tank regiment at both Hsu-chou Armored Division Headquarters and Hsu-chou Army Barracks; also, the first sighting of M-1967 armored personnel carriers at Chia-wang established the presence of the first mechanized infantry regiment subordinate to an armored division identified in China. In the Nan-ching MR, an increase in tanks confirmed the presence of two battalions at Ling-chia-chiao, Mu-tu, and Chih-ho, and an increase in tanks/assault guns at Kuan-tien indicated the presence of at least two battalions of armor. Also in the Nan-ching MR, the first observation of tanks at Wu-hsing indicated the presence of a tank battalion. In the Fou-chou MR, the first identification of tanks and armored vehicles implied the presence of an armored battalion at Chang-tai. In the Canton MR, an increase in tanks verified the presence of a tank regiment at Chang-ning. Also, a company-sized armored unit was observed for the first time at Chang-chi. In the Kun-ming MR, an increase in armor confirmed the presence of a tank/assault gun regiment at Kun-ming.

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List of Conversion Factors by Classification

UNITS OF LENGTH

<i>IF YOU HAVE</i>	<i>MULTIPLY BY</i>	<i>TO OBTAIN</i>
MILLIMETERS	0.0394	INCHES
CENTIMETERS	0.3937	INCHES
INCHES	25.4000	MILLIMETERS
INCHES	2.5400	CENTIMETERS
FEET	0.3048	METERS
FEET	0.0003	KILOMETERS
YARDS	0.9144	METERS
METERS	3.2808	FEET
METERS	0.0005	MILES(NAUTICAL)
METERS	1.0936	YARDS
KILOMETERS	3280.8400	FEET
KILOMETERS	0.6214	MILES(STATUTE)
KILOMETERS	0.5400	MILES(NAUTICAL)
MILES(STATUTE)	1.6093	KILOMETERS
MILES(NAUTICAL)	6076.1154	FEET
MILES(NAUTICAL)	1.8520	KILOMETERS
MILES(NAUTICAL)	1852.0000	METERS

UNITS OF MASS

<i>IF YOU HAVE</i>	<i>MULTIPLY BY</i>	<i>TO OBTAIN</i>
KILOGRAMS	2.2046	POUNDS(AVOIR.)
POUNDS(AVOIR.)	0.4536	KILOGRAMS
SHORT TONS	0.9072	METRIC TONS
METRIC TONS	1.1023	SHORT TONS
METRIC TONS	0.9842	LONG TONS
LONG TONS	1.0160	METRIC TONS

UNITS OF VOLUME

<i>IF YOU HAVE</i>	<i>MULTIPLY BY</i>	<i>TO OBTAIN</i>
LITERS	0.2642	GALLONS
LITERS	0.0063	BARRELS(POL)
LITERS	0.0010	CUBIC METERS
GALLONS	3.7854	LITERS
GALLONS	0.1337	CUBIC FEET
GALLONS	0.0238	BARRELS(POL)
GALLONS	0.0038	CUBIC METERS
BUSHELS	0.0352	CUBIC METERS
CUBIC FEET	7.4805	GALLONS
CUBIC FEET	0.1781	BARRELS(POL)
CUBIC FEET	0.0283	CUBIC METERS
CUBIC YARDS	0.7646	CUBIC METERS
BARRELS(POL)	158.9873	LITERS
BARRELS(POL)	42.0000	GALLONS
BARRELS(POL)	5.6146	CUBIC FEET
BARRELS(POL)	0.1590	CUBIC METERS
CUBIC METERS	1000.0000	LITERS
CUBIC METERS	264.1721	GALLONS
CUBIC METERS	35.3147	CUBIC FEET
CUBIC METERS	28.3776	BUSHELS
CUBIC METERS	6.2898	BARRELS(POL)
CUBIC METERS	1.3080	CUBIC YARDS

UNITS OF AREA

<i>IF YOU HAVE</i>	<i>MULTIPLY BY</i>	<i>TO OBTAIN</i>
SQUARE CENTIMETERS	0.1550	SQUARE INCHES
SQUARE INCHES	6.4516	SQUARE CENTIMETERS
SQUARE FEET	0.0929	SQUARE METERS
SQUARE YARDS	0.8361	SQUARE METERS
SQUARE METERS	10.7639	SQUARE FEET
SQUARE METERS	1.1960	SQUARE YARDS
SQUARE METERS	1.0000	CENTARES
SQUARE METERS	0.0002	ACRES
SQUARE METERS	0.0001	HECTARES
ACRES	4046.8564	SQUARE METERS
ACRES	0.4047	HECTARES
HECTARES	10000.0000	SQUARE METERS
HECTARES	2.4711	ACRES

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